

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JOSEPH JACKSON

Plaintiff,

-against-

AFFIDAVIT OF MIGUEL  
BERMUDEZ

18-CV-3007(JS)(GRB)

NASSAU COUNTY; THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE  
OF FREEPORT; DETECTIVE ROBERT DEMPSEY;  
DETECTIVE GARY ABBONDANDELO; DETECTIVE  
JOHN M. HOLLAND; DETECTIVE MICHAEL HERTS;  
DETECTIVE MARTIN ALGER; DETECTIVE ANTHONY  
SORRENTINO; DETECTIVE DAVID L. ZIMMER;  
POLICE OFFICER MELENDEZ; LIEUTENANT  
BURDETTE; SERGEANT MCHALE; SERGEANT NOLL;  
DETECTIVE SHARKEY; POLICE OFFICER DOWDELL;  
POLICE OFFICER BARRY MCGOVERN; DETECTIVE  
TURNER; DETECTIVE EDWARD HAGGERTY; POLICE  
OFFICER HALL; DETECTIVE LAURETTE KEMP;  
DETECTIVE WILLIAM TWEEDY; DETECTIVE  
ANTHONY KOSIER; DETECTIVE SERGEANT DAN  
SEVERIN; DETECTIVE JERL MULLEN; THE ESTATE  
OF DETECTIVE JERL MULLEN; JOHN DOE AS THE  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JERL MULLEN;  
and JOHN and JANE DOE 1 through 20,

Defendants.  
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I, MIGUEL BERMUDEZ, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Chief of Police for the Incorporated Village of Freeport Police Department.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of the Defendants The Incorporated Village of Freeport, Detective David L. Zimmer, Police Officer Melendez, Lieutenant Burdette, Sergeant McHale, Sergeant Noll, Police Officer Barry McGovern, Detective Turner, Detective Edward Haggerty, Detective Sharkey, Detective Jerl Mullen, and Police Officer Hall, (hereinafter "Village Defendants") Motion to Dismiss pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Provides 12(b)(5) and

12(b)(6). I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances that I discuss below based upon my personal knowledge and, where stated, upon information and belief.

3. The Nassau County Police Department is charged with the investigation of all homicide cases in Freeport, as is the standard protocol throughout Nassau County. All homicides in Freeport are investigated and otherwise handled by the Nassau County Police Department Homicide Squad ("Homicide Squad"). This protocol is, and at all times relevant in this litigation, including during the time period of the incidents alleged in the complaint.

4. The Nassau County Police Department takes control of all homicide investigations, arrests and prosecutions of homicide cases in Nassau County. When a homicide takes place in the Village of Freeport, upon arriving at the scene, in the event the Homicide Squad is not already present, the Freeport Police Department does nothing more than corner off the area to maintain the integrity of the crime scene.

5. Maintaining the integrity of the crime scene simply means taping off the location where the actions took place and not allowing anyone to enter or leave said location until the Homicide Squad arrives authorizes any subsequent action. The Homicide Squad is in complete control and command of the Homicide Scene and is responsible for the investigation, arrest and prosecution related thereto.

6. Further, the Freeport Police Department does not collect or even touch evidence at a homicide crime scene. Should a Freeport officer see any potential evidence, he does not touch same, but maintains the location around the possible evidence for a Homicide Squad Member to investigate.

7. Based upon the above, and the facts of this case, the Freeport Police Department was not responsible for the investigation, arrest and prosecution of the Plaintiff in this matter.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

MIGUEL BERMUDEZ

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STATE OF New York, Nassau County ss:

On May 9, 2019, before me personally came MIGUEL BERMUDEZ personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person on behalf of which the individual acted, executed this instrument.

Maureen A. Anglim  
Notary Public

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MAUREEN ANGLIM  
NOTARY PUBLIC State of New York  
No. 01AN8068857  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires

November 26, 2021